

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of ) **MAIL STOP AF**  
Dirk John et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2121  
Application No.: 10/581,208 ) Examiner: Douglas S. Lee  
Filed: May 23, 2007 ) Confirmation No.: 3193  
For: METHOD FOR THE SUPPLYING )  
AND INSTALLATION OF DEVICE- )  
SPECIFIC FUNCTIONALITIES )  
AND/OR DATA FOR THE FIELD )  
DEVICES OF A DISTRIBUTED )  
SYSTEM )

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

This communication is a full and timely response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2009. Claims 1-32 remain pending.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by *Glanzer et al* (U.S. Patent No. 6,424,872). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As provided in a previous response, exemplary embodiments described in Applicants' disclosure are directed to providing and installing device-specific functionalities and information for field devices arranged in a distributed system. Device specific components interact with at least two functional units. The functional units are configured to store device information used to integrate the field devices into the distributed system. The device specific components include means for

automatically install device-specific functionality and/or information of the field devices to the functional units for storage.

Applicants' claims and particularly independent claims 1 and 17 broadly encompass the foregoing features.

For example, independent claim 1 recites, among other features, wherein a distributed system has at least one device-specific component that communicates with at least two functional units the at least one device-specific component having means for automatically providing and installing at least one of device-specific functionalities and information for the field devices that are stored in the functional units.

Based on a careful analysis, *Glanzer* fails to disclose or suggest the aforementioned features.

*Glanzer* discloses a block control system that includes plural field devices that incorporate a physical layer, communication stack, and user layer, with the field devices being connected by a bus. The communications stack is described as facilitating data exchanges and message exchanges. Fig. 3 illustrates various components of a field device that control data exchanges for that device. None of the disclosed components, however, are analogous to or can be reasonably interpreted as Applicants' claimed at least one device-specific component that communicates with at least two functional units the at least one device-specific component having means for automatically providing and installing at least one of device-specific functionalities and information for the field devices that are stored in the functional units.